

## UK - England

### University of Sussex International Summer School

### UCEAP Advising Notes

#### **Objective of the Advising Notes Document**

This document is an advising tool written by a Berkeley Study Abroad adviser to review program specific details that may impact a student's *decision to apply* for an EAP program. The document is *not* a summary of eligibility requirements, academic, housing, application and other logistical details freely available to students on the UCEAP and BSA website, and reviewed by a student in the Program Self-Assessment. The best source of detailed program information is always the [UCEAP Program Guide](#) from the prior academic cycle, as well as Sussex's [International Summer School](#) website. If any concerns you have are not addressed on the UCEAP website, in the Program Guide or the Advising Notes document, please contact the BSA adviser for this program.

**This document does not reference the physics track.** Please refer to this link for more information on the Physics track at the University of Sussex International Summer School:

<https://myapp.berkeley.edu/uceap/advisingnotes/physics.pdf>

#### **Advisor Contact Information**

The BSA Adviser for England is Katie Weibel ([weibel@berkeley.edu](mailto:weibel@berkeley.edu)). Katie has spent time traveling England and would be happy to help you compare universities/cities in this program. Her drop-in hours are Tuesdays 10-12, Thursdays 1-2, Fridays 2-3, or by appointment.

#### **Applications 2019-20**

You can use the document, "Preparing for the UCEAP application" to assist you.

<http://studyabroad.berkeley.edu/uceap-how-apply>

Berkeley students will start their application via the Berkeley Study Abroad website. From within this interactive application, students will be instructed to complete a secondary application in the MyEAP system. Once a student completes the MyEAP application, they will upload it to their Berkeley Study Abroad application. Later on in the process, students will also apply directly to their host university.

#### **Program Location**

The University of Sussex is located just outside the popular beach resort city of Brighton, which is known for its vibrant nightlife and cosmopolitan atmosphere. Spending time in Brighton has been one of the highlights of the Sussex summer program for many students. One of Brighton's nicknames is "London by the Sea" because you are only an hour's train ride away. Other nicknames for Brighton are "Britain's San Francisco" and "The Gay Capital of Britain." The campus is surrounded by a National Park.

**Sussex International Summer School website:** [www.sussex.ac.uk/iss/](http://www.sussex.ac.uk/iss/)

This site has the full program description, information on housing, and course descriptions for 58 courses in fields of study such as art, anthropology, biology, business & management, drama, economics, education and

social work, English, Film Studies, gender studies, global studies, history, independent research, international relations, media & popular culture, medicine & health, philosophy, physics, psychology, and sociology.

### **Academics**

Flexibility is important. Keep in mind that the courses you find in the EAP Course Catalog or on the host university's web site may not be offered the semester(s) you will be abroad. Often times you will not have concrete information about what courses will be offered until a couple months before departure or even until upon arrival in England. Be prepared for the possibility that you will have to modify your plans.

All students are required to take two courses (4 semester UC units each). Each course is four weeks long to total an 8 week program.

The International Summer School at the University of Sussex offers four track options:

1. Physics
2. Psychology
3. MCAT Prep
4. International Summer School (you choose any two courses from the ISS 2019 course catalog. Physics and the MCAT prep courses are not an option for this track)

Please review the course offerings in these tracks via the [UCEAP Course & Credits tab](#).

### **Delayed Grades from Abroad: [Important for Seniors](#)**

Depending on the host institution, UCEAP will transmit your UCEAP courses, units, and grades to Berkeley up to 90 days after your program officially ends. You cannot be administratively graduated until your UCEAP grades are reported to Berkeley, are posted to your transcript, and a degree audit is conducted.

The Berkeley Office of the Registrar only administratively graduates students (a.k.a. degrees are "posted" to transcripts) three times per year: October for students with a summer anticipated graduation date, February for students with a Fall anticipated graduation date, and July for students with a Spring anticipated graduation date. If your EAP grades arrive after degrees are posted for your term of participation, your degree will be processed and posted to your transcript with the next term's degree list.

You can review this [chart](#) to see when students at your host university in the past have had their EAP grades transmitted to the Berkeley Office of the Registrar. Factoring in a 1 to 4-week delay for grades to appear on your Berkeley transcript, determine when your degree is likely to be posted by the Berkeley Office of the Registrar (October, July or February).

If you determine that your grades are likely to arrive later than the term you need to graduate from Berkeley to stay eligible for your graduate program or another post-graduation opportunity, contact the program/employer you are applying to as early as possible. Ask about their policy on delayed graduation due to study abroad participation. Find out how long they can wait for UCEAP grades to be recorded on your official Berkeley transcript and for your degree to be posted by the Berkeley Office of the Registrar.

Ask your graduate program or employer if you can provide some academic information while waiting for your UCEAP grades or Berkeley diploma. If courses and grades do not yet appear on your Berkeley transcript, ask the program/employer if it will accept an official "Verification of UCEAP Coursework." This is a letter from UCEAP verifying dates of UCEAP attendance and giving the estimated dates of arrival for course titles, units, and grades. You can get this letter from your BSA Campus Adviser or from your UCEAP Academic Specialist for your program. If your UCEAP grades already appear on your Berkeley transcript but you are waiting for your degree to be posted, you can also request a Certificate of Completion. Read more about Transcripts and Diplomas on the Office of the Registrar website.

**EAP Alums**

EAP alumni are one of your best resources for information about the program. If you would like to be put in touch with alums, simply send the BSA Adviser an email with your list of questions and the contact information of returnees who have agreed to be contacted will be shared.

**EAP Alum-Created Resources**

Some of our returnees have created presentations to share with others. You can look at their work through the [Student Created Resource Google folder](#) that we will continually update with tips, example schedules and presentations from students who have participated on this program.